

# STRIKE PACT TALKS STILL SWAYING: NO FINALITY

## Hong Kong Dollar Rating

Shanghai, Aug. 20. The Foreign Exchange Stabilization Committee announced today the Hong Kong dollar rate of CN\$7.650 buying and CN\$7.350 selling on the basis of the U.S. dollar rate.

The U.S. dollar open market rate remains unchanged today at CN\$34.500 buying and CN\$39.500 selling. — United Press.

## New Air Speed Record

Muroc, California, Aug. 21.

A stub-winged Navy jet-propelled D-556 Douglas Skystreak, piloted by a veteran combat flier, today bellowed four times over a three-kilometre course at an average of 640.7 miles per hour to set a new international air speed record.

The plane, piloted by Commander Turner F. Caldwell, clocked 655.4 miles an hour on the fastest of its four flashing passes.

The course was over this arid Mojave desert Army air base.

Caldwell, who flew scouting planes and fighters in the Pacific area during the war, said his speed runs were made at an altitude of about 75 feet.

The new record was 16.9 m.p.h. faster than the record established a month ago by Army Colonel Albert Boyd in jet P-80-R.

Caldwell died as he flew first jet plane only two weeks ago. — Associated Press.

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## BLAST IN OIL COY'S PLANT ROCKS HAIFA

Jerusalem, Aug. 21. An explosion rocked Haifa early today near the works of the Socony Vacuum Company. First reports said damage was reported to be slight and without casualties.

There were also unconfirmed reports of another explosion at the East Hotel near the King David Hotel.

The East Hotel houses several Government departments and is 100 yards from the United States Consulate.

Meanwhile, one soldier was seriously injured today when a military truck was blown up by an electrically detonated mine on the outskirts of Haifa.

The detonating mechanism was found 40 yards off the road hidden behind a brushwood screen.

### Refugees

In Jerusalem, Sir Alan Cunningham's (High Commissioner) announcement that the Jewish refugees on the "President Warfield" would be shipped to Hamburg inspired military and police precautions without precedent except when Haifa openly defied the British administration more than a year ago.

The army and police, alike obviously expected violent reaction from the Jewish community embracing moderates and extremists.

The Jewish Agency, in

No. 33750.

HONG KONG, FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 1947.

# Consumer Goods Prices In Shanghai Skyrocket Up

## Still They Keep Together

Osaka, Aug. 21.

A patrol of the 24th Infantry Division has located a common grave of 90 prisoners of war near Funatsu.

According to the announcement, the remains are those of American, British, Australian and Dutch soldiers who were forced to work in the nearby mines and died from various causes during the war.

They were cremated and buried in a common grave. — United Press.

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Osaka, Aug. 21.

The retail price for gasoline rose more than 50

percent to sell at CN\$13.000 per gallon compared with \$6.000. Taxi fares jumped from

CN\$20,000 (minimum of 20 minutes) to

CN\$32,000 plus a 20 percent tip.

Quined foods, cigarettes, toilet articles and medicines also went up in price.

Most retail trade claim that since

their commodities were imported with allotment at the official rate of exchange of CN\$12,000 to US\$1 in old days, they must be prepared for more expensive replacements.

These will be imported henceforth at the open market rate of CN\$9.500.

Observers pointed out that practically all imported goods here are sold at prices calculated at the black market rate.

The present revision of prices is unreasonable except in such cases like gasoline which is related at the official exchange rate prices.

They will point out that any change in the exchange rate stimulates Shanghai's market and forces prices up as merchants "play safe" by changing price tags rather than miss a chance to rake in larger profits.

"Tourists."

Killion forecast in the immediate future a heavy tourist trade to Japan.

"We already have booked enough passengers wishing to go to Japan to keep us busy for the next 18 months," he said.

"Let the Japanese restore their tourist resorts such as Nikko, Miyoshita, Kyoto, and others and get their transportation facilities working and they will have an influx of visitors willing to spend money the Japanese need badly."

The new APL chief, who succeeded Henry Grady (new ambassador to the Union of India) also foresees expanding business for his lines in China, the Philippines, India and on the "round the world" route of his lines.

"We will study the shipping needs of these countries and try to give them the service they need," he declared. — United Press and Associated Press.

## THE WEATHER

Pressure gradients are slight over the Far East with shallow depressions over the Lower Yangtze Valley, N Indo-China and the Carolines, while pressure is relatively high to the E of Japan and over NW China.

Today's Forecast: Light E or variable wind, mainly fair and very warm.

Yesterday's Weather:

Maximum: 88.1 deg. Fahr.

Minimum: 76.7 deg. Fahr.

Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1-1947.

mm. 156.2 mm. 62.44 inches.

Barometer: 1010.6 mb. 1007.7 mb.

Equal: 29.91 29.76 inches.

Rel. Humidity: 76 70 %

Dew Point: 78 78 deg. F.

Wind Direction: Calm E by S

Wind Force: 0 9 knots.

# China May Confiscate All Gold

Nanking, Aug. 21.

The independent Hsin Ming Pao today speculated that the Government might order the nationalisation of gold.

Quoting what it described as an authoritative source, the paper said the Government is expected to outlaw private possession of gold bullion—mostly in ten-ounce bars which are widely used in larger transactions such as buying automobiles and houses.

A call would be made on the people to sell their bullion holding to the Government.

The open market rate will be fixed near the present black market rate of about CN\$2,000 per ounce.

Meanwhile, Pro-Government

frontline dispatches today said the Nationalist forces, continuing their offensive to wipe out the important Communist supply bases on Kiangchow Peninsula, have recaptured Yangchikou, one of the Shantung ports through which the Reds had been pouring in reinforcements and materials from Dairen and Port Arthur.

A Chinese report from Mukden however, said the Generalissimo's Field Headquarters in Manchuria has ordered new security measures—in telephone conversations on current affairs and military news. — United Press.

London, Aug. 20.

The King has given orders for the appointment of Prince Maurice Rose as Colonel-in-Chief of the Highland Light Infantry. — Reuter.

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30 per cent of the city's buildings had been destroyed or rendered useless by fire and grenade.

United Press and Associated Press.

# Sikhs On Rampage In Jullundar

Jullundar (East Punjab), Aug. 21. Ravaging bands of Sikhs invaded this industrial city of 75,000 population today in an outburst of violence and terrorism.

There is no law and no order here—nothing but burning buildings.

Tall heeled Sikhs, in bands of half a dozen, pillaged the city, burning Moslem buildings and rattering out remnants of the Moslem populace with huge ceremonial swords.

The native police, who are all Sikhs or Hindus, made no effort to curb the rioters.

In one street, the skeleton of a man lay among a litter of red brick which might have been his home.

Nearby stood a red-eyed monkey perched upon a broken wall.

Military guards said "undoubtedly" bodies lay under the ruins of many places—huge mounds that in some places were more than head high.

Horried police and soldiers told how disinfectant had been used when possible after the bloody massacres of riotous mobs on both religious communities.

But they pointed to the evil-smelling puddles collecting in the streets as water trickled from smashed pipes under the ruins.

Even competent police officials could not guess on the extent of the damage.

They estimated between 15 and 30 per cent of the city's buildings had been destroyed or rendered useless by fire and grenade.

United Press and Associated Press.

## Elections In China...

### "No Postponement Will Be Considered," Says Spokesman

Nanking, Aug. 21. Government is not considering postponement of China's general election. Election preparations are going ahead full swing, a Government spokesman said today.

At an earlier meeting of National Assembly delegates, it was decided to recommend postponement of the elections and to convene an extraordinary session of the National Assembly to revise the procedure and enforcement of the Constitution which the Assembly adopted last December.

The delegates pointed out that Communist occupation of about 22 Provinces and municipalities in North China and Manchuria made a free, democratic election impossible. — United Press.

## New Housing Scheme Proposed By Council

An important statement on housing was laid on the table in Legislative Council yesterday. Encouragement is given to the individual to build his own home, and large sites may be allocated, at a reduced premium, to promoters of building schemes, with special consideration assured to non-profitmaking organisations.

The statement reads: Government is prepared to locate building sites, including particularly Jardine's Lookout and Kowloon Tsai, for building schemes by private treaty, at a reduced premium.

Sponsors of building schemes are invited to submit technical and financial plans in respect of particular areas in as far as possible to the Director of Public Works within six weeks from the date of this announcement.

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## KOWLOON TO APPOINT MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC BOARD

At the regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association, it was announced that the Association had been invited to nominate a member of the Traffic Advisory Board, which was at present being reconstituted.

Mr. J. N. Sweeney, the convenor of the Association's Traffic Sub Committee, has been nominated in response to this invitation by the Officer Administering the Government.

Present at the meeting were: Mr. F. C. Glenc (President); Mr. J. Moodie (Vice-President); Mr. F. C. Mow (Hon. Secretary); Mr. T. Cheung (Hon. Treasurer); Messrs. S. E. Faber, C. E. Terry, H. Braga, R. Preston, W. S. Lowey, J. N. Sweeney, G. F. Wood, Yeung Tsum Dart, A. M. Braun and the Rev. Fr. A. Granelli.

### Housing

A letter from the Hon. Colonial Secretary was tabled stating that the views and recommendations contained in the Association's letter of the 7th July regarding housing problems were receiving the careful consideration of Government.

The Chairman reported that subsequently to despatch of previous letter, a further survey had been made in Kowloon, and details compiled of houses which, although rehabilitated, remained vacant.

This showed that there were quite a number of such vacant premises, most of which were being offered at exorbitant rentals, and payment of equally exorbitant "repair costs." In some cases the premises were being kept vacant while offered for sale at fabulous prices.

It was hoped that action in regard to such premises would be taken on the lines already recommended by the Association.

Mr. Terry reported on the

## World Events Debated

An interesting talk on "The International Situation" was given by Mr. Ip Kai-fong at yesterday's weekly meeting of the Y's Men's Club.

Mr. Ip paid tribute to the present British Government which had the courage to grant independence to India.

Mr. Ip said he was somewhat pessimistic as to the future of UNO.

He expressed the belief that the League of Nations.

He based his view on the fact that America, instead of cooperating with other nations, had seen fit to go behind UNO and to play a lone hand in regard to matters concerning Greece, Turkey and Indonesia.

The speaker also said that the average man did not desire war.

It was only the professional militarist and the manufacturer of munitions who would like to see the world hurled into another titanic struggle.

### C.N.A.C. SURVEY FLIGHT TODAY

One of the C.N.A.C.'s Skyliners, piloted by Captain H. T. Chin, will pass Hong Kong this morning on its way to Saigon, Bangkok, Singapore, and Batavia on a survey flight which has been in preparation for some time.

The survey group on board is headed by Col. C. Y. Liu, Managing Director of C.N.A.C., who is also representing the Chinese Ministry of Communications on this trip to discuss with the aeronautical authorities on the route regarding reciprocal landing rights.

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The motion was seconded by the Hon. Colonial Secretary and carried unanimously.

**EDUCATION**

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At yesterday's session of Legislative Council, presided over by H.E. the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, K.C.M.G., three new Bills passed their first reading.

The first Bill—"An Ordinance to amend further the Stamp Ordinance 1921"—was introduced by the Hon. Attorney-General (Mr. J. B. Griffin).

He said:—"The Bill before Council aims at a more effective collection of stamp duties payable on Stock Exchange transactions, thus securing an improvement in the total revenue derived from such sources.

"Under the present law, which is embodied under Heading 40 of the Schedule to the Stamp Ordinance, ad valorem duty of 20 cents per \$1,000 is chargeable on instruments of transfer and a nominal duty is chargeable on brokers' bought and sold notes.

"In practice, however, it is found that the ad valorem duty yields only small revenue because of the custom existing in the Colony of executing blank transfers and using such blank transfers to pass title to a series of buyers and sellers, instead of executing a fresh instrument of transfer at each such stage.

"However, brokers' bought and sold notes are stamped when each sale takes place.

"It is therefore considered, and clause 3 of the Bill gives effect to such view, that improvement in revenue would result if the incidence of stamp duty were reversed, so that henceforth ad valorem duty would be chargeable on brokers' bought and sold notes and a nominal duty reserved for transfer deeds.

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## Murder By Hands Unknown

"Murder by some person or persons unknown" was the verdict returned by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday at the conclusion of an inquiry into the death of a sanitary coolie.

Detective Sub-Inspector J.R. Sykes, for the Police, stated that Wong Cho, Sanitary Department coolie 1043, aged 32, was found in the early hours of May 25 lying in a scavenging lane off Tong Mei Road.

On receipt of a telephone call from PC Lee Hon, he proceeded to the scene and found deceased unconscious, suffering from head wounds.

A chopper was found by his side.

### Doctor's Story

Dr. Onward Szeto, 312 Nathan Road, formerly of Kowloon Hospital, testified that deceased was admitted to hospital on May 25 suffering from a compound fracture of the skull.

There was a wide open wound down to the brain.

Supportive treatment, such as Penicillin, was given the man (continued Dr. Szeto) who recovered consciousness and appeared to make progress.

The patient, however, later developed a cough and, on examination, was found to be suffering from tuberculosis. He died at 10.35 a.m. on June 7.

The autopsy performed in the afternoon of the same day revealed extensive tuberculosis of both lungs, said Dr. Szeto, who added that the man appeared to be a physical wreck.

### OBITUARY

The last Bill was "The Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance 1947."

Moving the introduction, the Attorney General said: "This Bill affords yet another example of legislation which has been rendered necessary by enemy attack and enemy occupation of this Colony.

The consequence of such attack and occupation has been that all records kept by the Registrar of Companies suffered loss or destruction, except the Register of Charters.

"In addition to such loss of public documents, the companies registered before December 26, 1941, themselves lost their documents in many cases, including all copies of memoranda and articles of association, and more important still have lost their register of members or shareholders.

It is survived by his widow, a son and daughter, as well as a sister, niece and several grandchildren.

The late Mr. Marshall, who was 73 years of age, was manager of Messrs. S. J. David & Co. He had been in China for more than 50 years.

During the occupation, he was an internee at Stanley and returned to the Colony a year ago, after a short holiday.

He is survived by his widow, a son and daughter, as well as a sister, niece and several grandchildren.

This afternoon, Friday, at 5.30 p.m., a lecture on "Fatima and Lourdes" will be given by Rev. Fr. De Angelis at the Catholic Centre, King's Building. Father De Angelis has recently returned from a trip to Portugal and France and has many interesting stories to tell of his journey.

The following passengers arrived and departed in C.P.A. aircraft:—

From Singapore:—Miss Lucy Yong, From Bangkok: Mr. Kee King Tee & Mrs. Guan Fong.

For Manila:—Mr. Lo Chon Foon, Miss Lucy Yong and Mr. E. Mc Siv.

The forthcoming wedding of Ralph Lo Roy Purcell, Staff, Y.P.O., U.S.A., of 1300 La Madena Ave., El Monte, Calif. U.S.A. to Lam Yut Wah of 9 Wo On Lane, 2nd floor, Hong Kong, is announced.

## CHINESE MAIDENS TO HONOR THE SEVEN SISTERS TODAY

The Festival of the Seven Sisters, one of the most romantic of Chinese festivals will be observed today—the 7th day of the 7th Moon—by Chinese maidens who have, in accordance with tradition, been living on a vegetarian diet for the past seven days.

The festival centres round the romance of the Weaving Maid and her cow-herd husband from across the western side of the River of Heaven.

According to legend, the Weaving Maid and her husband were forbidden by the Ruler of Heaven to meet more than once a year, because the Weaving Maid was neglecting her loom after marriage.

The day set apart for their meeting each year is the 7th day of the 7th Moon.

The "Romance of the Milky Way" has always had a particular appeal to Chinese womenfolk.

The celebrations today are an outward expression of female sympathy for the two heavenly lovers, who will meet again after a year's separation.

In practically every Chinese home today, on a table set apart for the purpose, fruit, cakes, face powder, face cream, rouge, ribbon and thread will be laid out as offerings to the Seven Sisters.

There will also be the multi-coloured "Seven Sister Tray" without which no festival would be complete.

## Inniskillings Piped Ashore

The 1st Battalion, The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, disbursed from H.M.T. Devonshire, was played ashore to the Royal Marines Band and their own Pipe Band.

Battalion H.Q. and part of the Battalion is at Murray Barracks, vacated by the 2nd Battalion, The Buffs, whilst the remainder of the Battalion is accommodated at Whitfield Barracks.

This will not be the first time the 1st Battalion, The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, has served in this particular locality of the Far East. From 1934 to 1936 the Battalion was stationed in Shanghai, paying a visit to Hong Kong to play football versus its brother Irish Regiment, The Royal Ulster Rifles in 1936. The Battalion then moved to Singapore, remaining there until 1938 when it moved to India.

The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers has, in Military band circles, gained a reputation for its pipe-playing and inhabitants of the Colony will no doubt anticipate with pleasure hearing the H.Q. Pipe-Band of the 1st Battalion.

The Battalion is commanded by Lt. Col. J. B. Filmer-Bonnot, MC.

## GUNMEN HOLD UP WOMAN

A Chinese woman, Ng Meik, was held up while proceeding up the stairway of No. 310, Young Chai Street, at about 4.30 p.m. yesterday.

She was robbed of a \$50 note and a gold finger ring valued at \$75, by two robbers, one of whom was armed with a revolver.

The robbers, in their get-away, were pursued by a policeman on a bicycle.

The revolver was discarded in Prince Edward Road and recovered by the Police. No arrests were made.

## WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Subscriptions received on 20th, August:

Far East Shipping Co., Ltd. \$100. T. B. Bets (20 pax) \$20. Anonymous \$50, \$100. Total \$200.

Hong Kong Government Contribution \$200. Received to 10th August, 1947 \$2,797,088.60.

Grand Total \$2,799,088.60.

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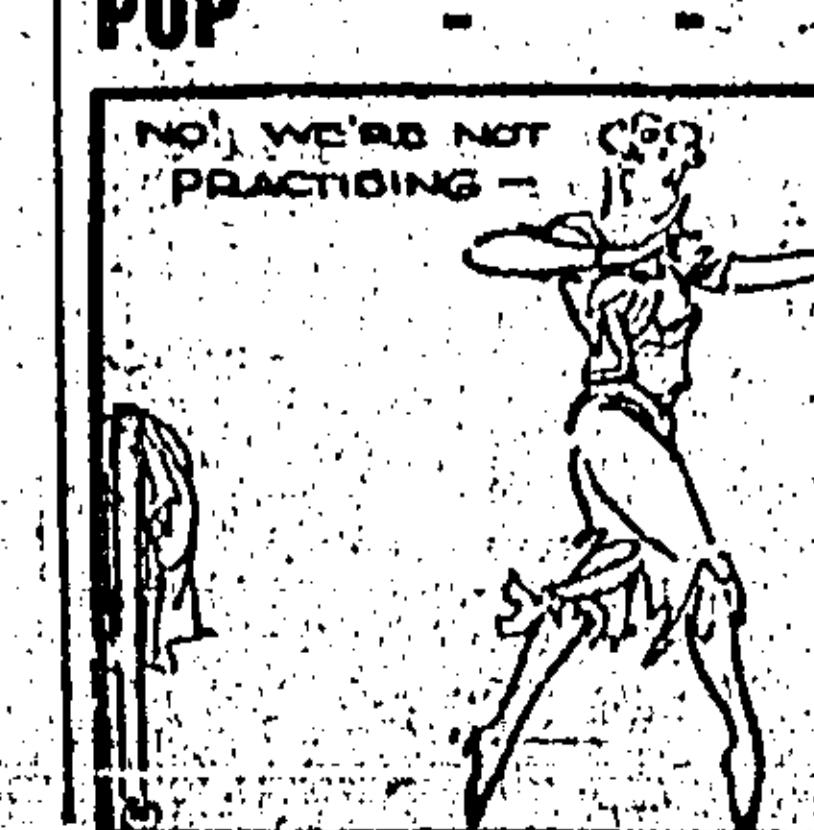
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# DROUGHT GRIPS EUROPE

## No Sign Of Break In Scorching Sunshine

### Forest Fires Cause Heavy Damage

London, Aug. 21. Drought—in some places the worst in 100 years—holds Europe in its grip, causing forest fires, drying up water and milk supplies and bringing threat of hunger and starvation of thousands.

Dr. Heinz Runge, Potsdam weather expert, said the heat wave has destroyed or is in the process of destroying Germany's potato and cabbage crops. He forecast starvation unless rain breaks the drought soon, but said the prospect of rain soon is poor.

Germany's rainfall is about 0.1 inches under normal.

Fields are wasting away under the heat and German farmers are slaughtering their cattle because they lack fodder. Even if rains came within the next two or three weeks it may be too late to save the crops.

The situation is particularly severe in districts west of the Harz mountains and in the Magdeburg area.

Forest fires have swept along the Dutch-German border since last Friday and exploding mines have prevented effective measures to fight the blazes.

More than 650 acres of woodland have been destroyed and fresh winds have swept the flames towards the Dutch frontier despite the efforts of fire brigades and British troops. Berlin radio said only rain could extinguish the fire.

**Drought In Britain** The German story is repeated in varying degrees in most parts of Europe.

Britain, in weather bureaux terminology, is officially experiencing a drought, having gone 15 days without rain. There is no sign of a break in the heat and farmers, although happy about their harvests, are apprehensive about the lack of pasture, which may cut deeply into milk supplies.

Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire are faced with a milk drought that may last until October.

The Food Ministry last night announced a cut in the milk ration from 2½ to two pints per person, but this was a normal seasonal reduction.

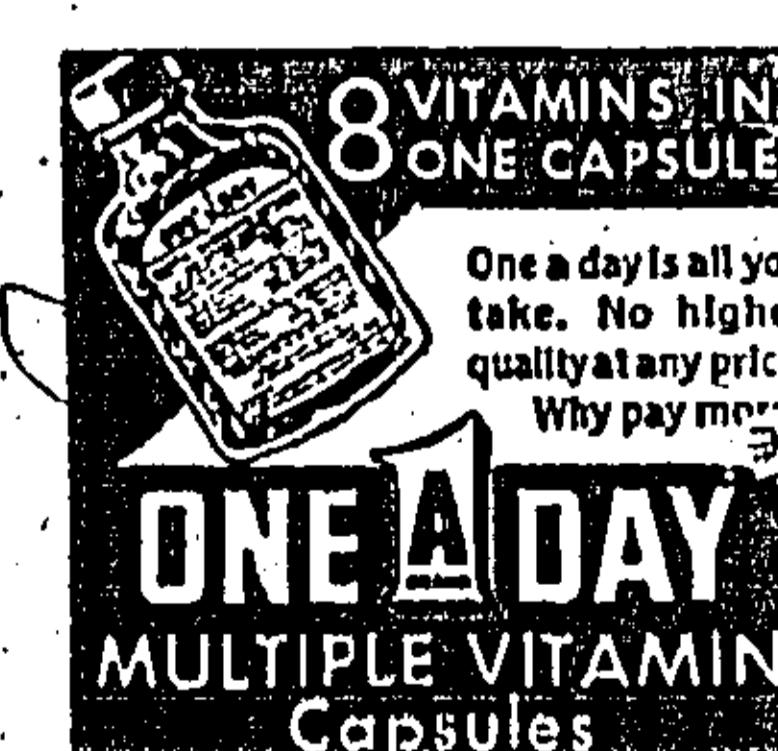
The unrelenting hot sunshine has quickly matured Britain's grain and the harvest is going forward rapidly. Some areas report a "light" wheat harvest but many farms are threshing out 6½ quarters to the acre and the moisture content is reported not more than 14 per cent, compared with the usual 18 per cent for English wheat.

#### Forest Fires

Britain, too, is plagued by forest fires, the largest of which raged across 12,000 acres in Yorkshire. Another major fire burned out 1,100 acres on the Duke of Bedford's estate in Bedfordshire. Numerous small fires were reported, together with one instance of railway switchpoints fused by the heat.

Holiday resorts were jammed with one of the few alarming indications occurring at Torquay where the authorities warned that cuts in the water supply might have to be made. In London, the Metropolitan Water Board said there was no need to worry about water shortage.

France was experiencing its worst crop weather since recordings began in 1872. Although the normal wheat harvest averaged 8,000,000 tons, France is expected to have only 3,000,000 tons



#### "JANE"



#### SOUTHAMPTON ALARM

Southampton, Aug. 20. All ships in and around Southampton Docks were warned today that a 1,000-lb unexploded bomb was lying within 500 yards of the debris disposal squads working feverishly to make it harmless.

The bomb was discovered yesterday when a dredger brought it up. The warhead was broken off and the fuse badly damaged. Bomb disposal officers said it was in a "pre-cursor condition." — United Press.

This year, according to Agriculture Ministry estimates.

The sharp reduction is because of the drought and damage to crops by fire. Fires in forests and among harvested crops have caused millions of dollars worth of damage in France. One such fire raged for four days near Rouen and devastated more than 1,000 acres of forest land.

#### Hottest Ever

Holland was having an even warmer summer than its famed hot summer of 1911 and its drought is causing heavy harvest damage. There is a serious cattle fodder shortage and some farmers are drawing on their winter stocks to feed their stock.

The newly reclaimed island of Walcheren, flooded in their Germans' last ditch defence of the Scheldt river during the war, is suffering heavily. The salt of the seawater which flooded the island is not completely out of the soil and is reacting to the heat.

Rainfall in Czechoslovakia is the lowest since 1919. It is the hottest in 160 years except 1903. In the past three months, fires have burned out at least three villages. The harvest is below normal and potatoes are badly off. Fruit is ripening prematurely. — United Press.

#### Veto Damage To UNO

Lake Success, Aug. 20. Dr. Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, said today that he considered the Russian veto, which yesterday prevented the Security Council from taking action in the Balkans problem, had affected United Nations prestige.

He added, however, that he thought the position was no worse than it had been in the past.

Dr. Lie disagreed with the Soviet view that the United Nations Balkans investigation group were now "non-existent" and declared that the group would continue to function till the Security Council formally abolished it.

Dr. Lie agreed, however, that if the United States wished to bring the Balkan question before the General Assembly, it must first take the matter off the Security Council agenda, in which case the Balkans subsidiary group would automatically go out of existence. — Reuter.

#### Shame Into Silence

New York, Aug. 21. The "New York Times" on Wednesday said editorially that the news of Princess Elizabeth's lack of a trousseau "will stir pity in the heart of every bride to be in America who would not dream of being led to the altar without all the new raiments she or her parents can buy."

The Royal decision to suffer the same privations as "Arry and Arriet" should at least shame into silence the Emanuel Shinwells who don't "give a tinker's cuss" what happens to anybody in England but the working man. — Associated Press.

#### French Bid For Peace In Indo-China

Paris, Aug. 21. A French Cabinet meeting, presided over by the Prime Minister, M. Paul Ramadier, will be held today to consider proposed peace terms to the Vietnamese.

M. Ramadier today conferred with M. Emile Bollaert, French Commissioner in Indo-China.

Report from Saigon state that the Indo-Chinese National Union Front—the party opposed to the present Viet Nam Republican government headed by Ho Chi Minh, today started recruiting public opinion for the return of Bao Dai, the former Emperor of Annam, now living in exile in Hong Kong.

Placards and handbills were distributed in Saigon, while the Provisional Committee of the Front appealed by cable to Bao Dai "to save the present situation and realize the unity and independence of Viet Nam in the French Union."

A Vietnamese radio broadcast quoted Dr. Ho Chi Minh, the Republican Premier, as claiming "Bao Dai was with us always and is our closest friend and the whole nation of Viet Nam has full confidence in his fidelity."

It is also learned from Saigon that the police combed the city this morning, removing Viet Namese flags pasted on walls and lamp-posts to commemorate the August Revolution of 1945 by Ho Chi Minh."

The Socialist Ministers in the French Cabinet are committed to a more liberal policy in negotiations with the Viet Namese, while moderate and right wing Ministers oppose this, fearing that such a policy will feed the fires of national dissension in other French colonies. — Reuter.

#### Link Over The Atlantic

Portland, Maine, Aug. 21. British ex-Servicemen of Portland, Dorsetshire, have proposed in a letter to city manager Lyman S. Moore of Portland, Maine, an exchange of veterans flags between the two cities.

Councillor L. W. Bollen of the British Portland said that flag sent from Maine would be used to complement a plaque dedicated there on August 22, 1945 by the former United States Ambassador John G. Winnant, commemorating the fact that the "major part of the American assault forces which landed in France on D-Day June 6, 1944, were launched from Portland Harbour." — Associated Press.

#### Margaret Rose's Birthday

Balmoral, Aug. 21. Princess Margaret Rose "comes out" on Thursday on her 17th birthday, but no State Ball or other high society function will mark the occasion.

Instead, the debut of the younger daughter of King George and Queen Elizabeth will take place at a quiet family party in Balmoral Castle, where the Royal family is vacationing.

"Coming out" means, for Princess Margaret, that she will go to more parties and fulfil more public engagements unaccompanied by other members of the Royal family—a state of affairs that she will, reportedly, welcome. — Associated Press.

#### FRENCH ACTION

Paris, Aug. 20. The Government decreed last night that French farmers must declare their total harvests or face heavy penalties.

The order requires each farmer to declare the exact size his harvest, how much he intends to deliver to Government-controlled granaries and when he expects the crop to be available. — United Press.

#### Shanghai Prices Soar

Shanghai, Aug. 21.

Price increases all round are continuing in the wake of the government's new exchange regulations which created a variable "open market" rate which so far has been pretty close to the black market quotation.

Municipal authorities authorized cinemas to double the price of tickets and other increases are in the making.

Hard hit by these increases are persons who received their salaries in United States dollars and converted them at black market rate. Almost overnight they have to pay from 50 per cent to 100 per cent for many goods and services. — Associated Press.

#### Widow's Excuse

London, Aug. 20.

Mrs. Eileen Lesley Gleave, a wealthy West End widow, was bound over for 12 months at the West London Court today for harbouring Walter Kirms, an escaped German prisoner in her flat for three months.

"I have no excuse, except that I love this man," she told the Court.

When detectives searched Mrs. Gleave's apartment for Kirms, she denied he was on the premises, but they found him hidden in her bedroom. — Associated Press.

#### GROMYKO TRIES TO EMBARRASS

Lake Success, Aug. 20. Opening the general debates on the Egyptian case in the United Nations Security Council today, the Brazilian delegate, Senor Carlos Muniz, declared that Brazil considered the situation in Egypt did not present an immediate danger to international peace, and therefore the Council "was not justified in taking action."

Senor Muniz said the Security Council "should let both parties settle their differences in conformity with the principles of justice and international law."

"The Egyptian Government," Senor Muniz declared "did not take upon itself the unilateral decision of not complying with the treaty which, in its opinion, has nullified its purpose. On the contrary, it has sought to settle differences by direct negotiation should continue."

"If the Security Council were to accede to the request of the Egyptian Government, it is of the opinion that it is difficult for the Security Council now to make a decision of any kind."

The Security Council then adjourned until Friday.

A rapid survey of opinion on the Brazilian proposal that Britain and Egypt resume negotiations indicated that Britain would not oppose such a procedure, but Egyptian delegation circles definitely do not favour it.

Egyptian delegation circles expressed the opinion that the Brazilian plan "solves nothing."

Countering the argument that the position of Egypt does not present an immediate danger, Egyptian circles declare it would be better to deal with the problem before the danger becomes acute. — Reuter.

#### Rule Of Law

The Egyptian people have shown their capacity for progress and are entitled to the enjoyment of full sovereignty. But peoples seeking liberty and independence must be the first to accept the rule of law, for law is the principle condition for the preservation of freedom.

"Britain has demonstrated its goodwill by agreeing to negotiations for revision before the set by the treaty.

"The Brazilian delegation, without passing upon the merits of the case or upon the duties and obligations of the parties in consequence of the 1936 treaty, is of the opinion that the Security Council is not justified in taking action in the matter."

Members of rival Sudanese political parties, the Umma and Ashigga, were present in the distinguished visitors' gallery.

**Soviet Line**

The Soviet delegate, M. Andrei Gromyko, declared: "The Soviet delegation absolutely cannot agree with the British contention that the question is not within the jurisdiction of the Security Council."

The Egyptian Prime Minister, Nokrashy Pasha, was absolutely right when he declared that the presence of foreign troops in Egyptian territory was incompatible with sovereignty.

The Soviet delegation completely supported Egypt's demand for the evacuation of British troops.

The Sudan question was not clear and it was difficult for the Council to arrive at a decision until the wishes of the Sudanese people were known.

M. Gromyko added that the provisions of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian treaty were a contradiction of the Charter. "The fact that the agreement was concluded before the United Nations was created perhaps can explain the presence of such a contradiction, but this cannot in any way be used as a justification, especially in that part of this agreement which envisages the presence of foreign troops in Egypt."

#### Must Be Corrected

"Moreover, it only emphasizes more clearly that the situation must be corrected and must be brought into conformity with the main principles of the United Nations."

#### India Staging New Attack

Lake Success, Aug. 21. South Africa's rejection of a United Nations recommendation for correction of the alleged discrimination against nationals of Indian descent will result in another hot fight in the General Assembly next month, India dominion sources indicated Wednesday.

India is expected to take the lead also in an attack on South Africa for rejecting another Assembly resolution recommending United Nations trusteeship for the Southwest African mandate administered by the Union under a League of Nations agreement.

The Indians and their delegation for the assembly was shaping up with the virtual certainty that it again will be headed by Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, sister of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and the new Ambassador to Moscow. — Associated Press.

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The entrance examination will be held on Monday, 1st September. Candidates should bring pen, ink and paper for tests in both English and Chinese subjects.

The results of the entrance examination will be announced on Wednesday, 10th September, and the actual enrolment of successful candidates will take place on Thursday, 11th September.

Detailed arrangements will be announced from time to time on the notice boards outside the schools.

**TUNNELS  
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THE JAPANESE**

Owners of property under which, or adjacent to which there are tunnels, constructed by the Japanese during the occupation of Hong Kong, are hereby notified that the presence of such tunnels should be reported in writing to the Executive Engineer Roads and Tunnels, Public Works Department, Lower Albert Road, immediately.

The Public Works Department will not undertake liability for any such tunnels unless they are reported before 1st September, 1947, and liability for any damage due to such tunnels which have not been reported by that date will be the responsibility of the owners of the property concerned.

V. KENNIFF,  
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RETIRED ON THE  
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San Diego, Aug. 19.

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KOREA INCIDENT

Washington, Aug. 20.

Constantine Brown, "Washington Star" political writer, said on Tuesday, that some officials here believe that "sabotage, rather than negligence or other causes," may have been responsible for the crash of the plane carrying Mr. Atcheson near Honolulu on Saturday night. — Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.

The German Volkswagen, the 10-horsepower rear-engined people's car, developed during Hitler's regime, is to be exported to Belgium, Holland and Scandinavia as part of the export drive launched by the British and United States Military Government.

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# ATTLEE RESIGNATION?

## Flurry Of Speculation Aroused By Rumours

### No Hint From Official Quarters. Around The World

London, Aug. 20.  
When the trial of a British officer and a Christian Arab accused of conspiring to smuggle \$180,000 dollars worth of drugs into Egypt, was resumed here today, a driver for the Combined Services Entertainment Unit, "Jukebox," spoke of seeing slabs of "white substance" and some "sticky brown stuff smelling of poppies" scattered over the road when his vehicle overturned.

These substances were morphine and hashish, the prosecution said.

The accused were Lieutenant Seanning, a member of the Entertainment Unit, and Georges Jarbour, an Arab from Malta.

The drugs were alleged to have been concealed among the stage show "props" on an army vehicle, which was involved in an accident near the Palestine-Egypt frontier.

The prosecutor said today that six tin boxes were loaded on the vehicle while the driver was sipping coffee in a roadside tavern.

The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

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Extermination In  
The Punjab

Lahore, Aug. 21.  
Major General T. W. Rees, commanding the joint military border force, said on Wednesday that he believed underground leaders are waging a systematic programme of extermination in riot-torn Punjab.

Fighting has stopped in Lahore, and in neighbouring Amritsar, across the border of the divided province.

But in Lahore the Moslems have slain or driven away the vast majority of the Hindu and Sikh population which once represented about half the population of this city of 500,000.

And in Amritsar, the Sikhs and Hindus have killed or driven out practically the entire 250,000 Moslem population of that Punjab city, the ninth largest in all India.

Heavy concentrations of joint

India-Pakistan military border forces are in Amritsar, which looks as though war had been waged through its streets.—Associated Press.

# "Terrible Plague" Seemed To Have Swept Cadiz

(By Antonio Garrachon)

Cadiz, Aug. 20.  
This city looked like it had been visited by a terrible plague. In a few agonizing instants a happy industrious city was converted into shambles of terror.

I was thrown from my chair across the room, landing under the window sill. I looked out and saw the sky lighted a ghastly crimson as a thunder-crashing explosion echoed through the bay.

I dashed outside, having just finished dinner. There were two more blazes which rolled like a barrage of heavy artillery. The building shuddered and the streets trembled.

It had been hot and still. Suddenly the streets were filled with wildly running people, some of the women screaming hysterically. A neighbour rushed by with his wife and four children, and shouted: "I am going to the docks to be near water in case everything catches fire."

We were in the main part of the city at the tip of the peninsula and figured the explosion probably was at the naval docks. The crash was so violent that I was too stunned to realize what it was.

The word flew around that it was the torpedo works, that the Echevarrieta shipyards were wrecked, that the whole peninsula was on fire.

A frightened middle-aged woman asked me: "Are we being attacked? Is it the Reds?"

**Thick With Dust**

I got lost in the multitude of people and moved toward the San Severino quarters. The authorities advised the people to go to public squares waiting there to see if there might be other explosions. Some were just wandering aimlessly.

I could see flames leaping as I neared the poor part of the peninsula where little people live. Smoke got into my eyes and the air was thick with dust from collapsed buildings. I coughed constantly as I stumbled forward.

Around me buildings seemed to be wrecked. It reminded me of pictures I have seen of Berlin. The confusion was indescribable. I passed a crying girl tugging at leg protruding from the rubble. She pleaded to passers-by: "Please help me get my papa out of here."

For hours I covered the joint districts of San Severino and San Jose. I do not think a single dwelling was left intact. I was overcome by the stench of burning flesh from one building where some apparently were trapped.

Blair-eyed, I returned and collapsed into bed.

The next morning there were numerous conflicting reports. Even now it is impossible to assess the disaster. Besides the dead and wounded, there were hundreds homeless and thousands jobless. Priests visited hospitals ministering to victims. I saw a priest administer

corporal punishment for medical treatment.

He was 22-year-old David G. Williams of Norfa Nevin, North Wales, fourth engineer on board the Cunard Line freighter Fort Musgrave, who was burned by scalding water in an engine room accident.

The freighter, enroute from New York to London without a doctor, sent a radio message for medical aid. The Noordam, first on the scene, transferred the young seaman on the high seas on August 11.—Associated Press.

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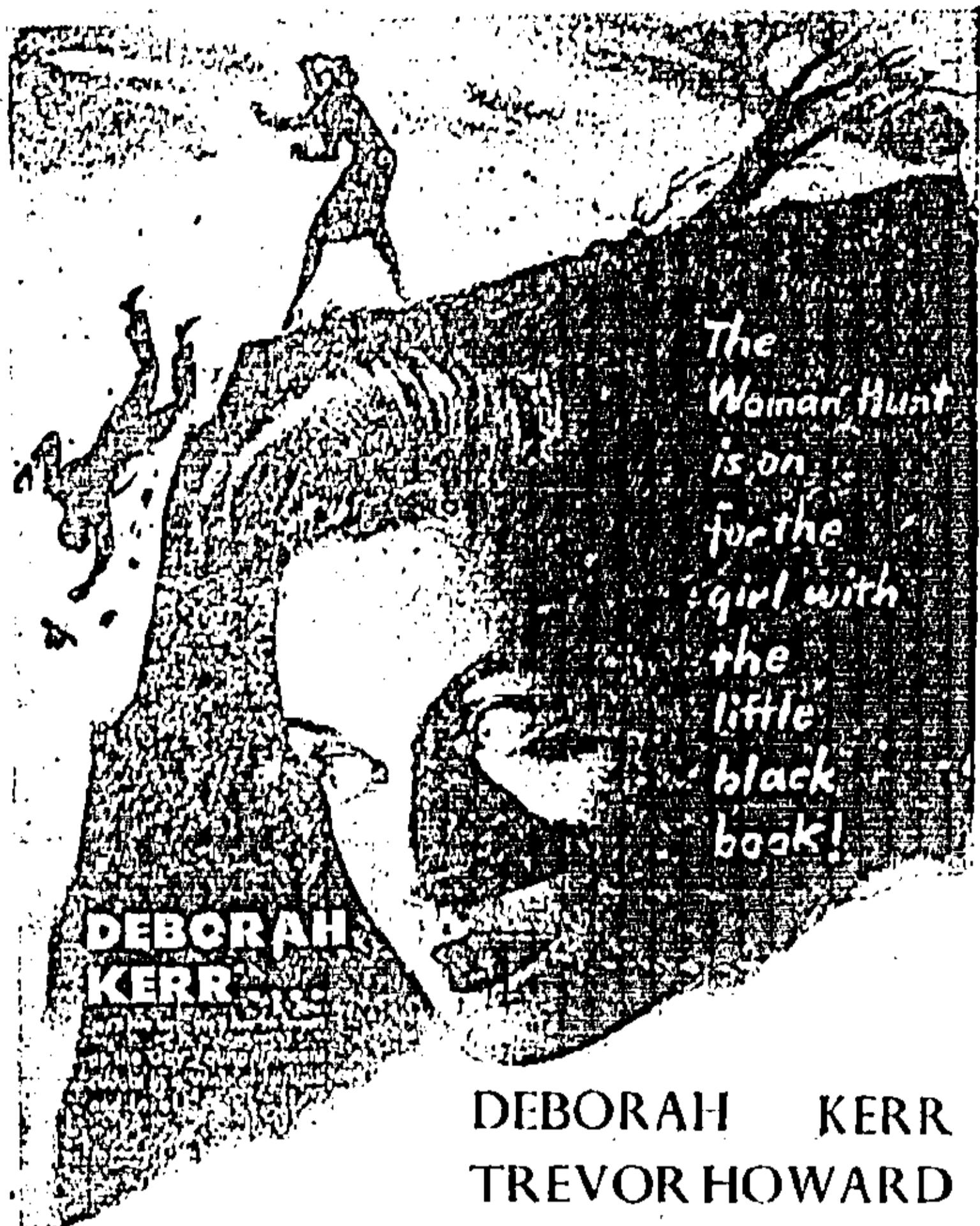
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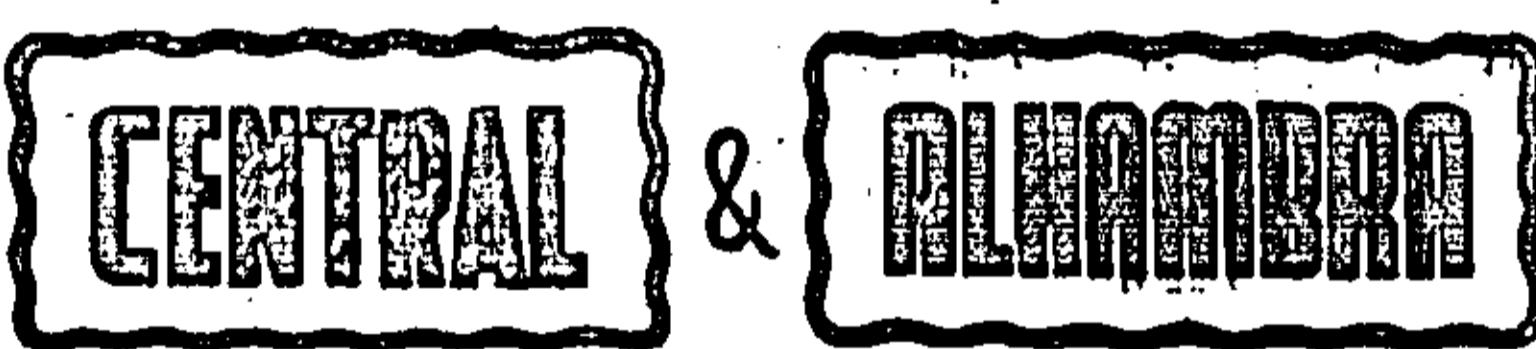
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WEEKEND WILD WEST

## Counsel Makes Strong Protest In "Menace" Case

"I do not think it fair to amend the charge at this stage when the prosecution has already closed its case. How could it be fair to the defendant if the charge is so amended as to make it the very opposite of the original charge?"

This protest was made by Mr. P. L. Lam after Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr had declared that the charge of demanding \$120 with menaces from Wong Mel-ku brought against Police Constable Cheng Kong had failed, but that he intended to amend the charge to one of obtaining money by false pretences.

At the close of the case for the prosecution yesterday, Mr. Lam submitted that he had no case to answer as the prosecution had entirely failed to prove menaces.

His Worship: "Yes, Mr. Lam, but what about false pretences?"

Mr. Lam: "But he is not charged with that offence."

His Worship: "Yes, but I am going to charge him with false pretences right now. There is definite evidence of false pretences. Under the Magistrates' Ordinance (section 21 of 41 of 1932) I am empowered to do so."

### Protest

After protesting against the unfairness of the step, Mr. Lam stated that if he had known that that action would be taken he would have cross-examined the witness.

When His Worship decided that the charge of false pretences would be preferred against accused, Mr. Lam applied for an adjournment to consult Counsel on whether the Magistrate should exercise his power at that very late stage of the proceedings.

Defence counsel also applied for bail, in a very nominal sum, for his client who, he pointed out, had been in gaol custody for over a month.

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### Money Market

Less credence was given yesterday to the rumour that Government would ban dealings in gold on the Exchange.

The market opened at \$357 a tael and for a time fluctuation was very violent, ranging from \$369.60 and \$350.

In the afternoon the opening rate was \$366 and the market was steady, closing at \$356.

Prices also fluctuated heavily, opening at \$14.80 a 100, rising to \$14.95 and suddenly dropping to \$14.22. At the close it was \$14.50.

Dwellings in Chinese National Currency were steady and rates were maintained. Opening at 13.7 cents for future, and 14.35 cents for spot (for CNS1,000), it closed at 13.675 cents and 14.35 cents respectively.

There was a sharp drop in U.S. dollars which fell to \$5.02 (as against \$5.12 the previous day); and there was a corresponding sharp rise in Sterling which was quoted at \$13.40 (as against \$13.17 the previous day). Australian pounds were again unchanged at \$12.53.

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## RADIO SETS STOLEN FROM KAI TAK DROME

Smart work on the part of the police resulted in the recovery of various aircraft equipment, including a wireless transmitting set and three receiving sets, within 48 hours of their reported loss from various airplanes at Kai Tak Airfield.

As the result of a surprise raid at the Tai Chung Radio Shop, 569 Nathan Road, at 9.30 a.m. on Aug. 19, Detective Sub-Inspector J. M. Forrest and Detective Yair Kau and Yu Hon-ling took into custody Li Hung-kuang, radio mechanic, Kwong Pui and Ting Kit, travelling traders, Star Ferry Steps-Kowloon Dep., 1445 for East Pier Stonecutters, Star Ferry Steps-Kowloon Dep., 1445 for East Pier Stonecutters, East Pier Stonecutters Return 1630 for Star Ferry Steps-Kowloon and Queen's Pier. Practice Shoots in future will take place fortnightly.

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### NAAFI Watchman On Fraud Charge

Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr yesterday fixed 2.30 p.m. on Aug. 28 for hearing of four charges of obtaining money by false pretences and one of conspiracy preferred against Yu For, NAAFI watchman, by Detective Sub-Inspector MacDonald.

This was revolved by Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth when he prosecuted Ng Sung, 18, lorry-folks, and Lau Wan, 24, with soliciting for passengers. The driver, Lau Yuk-tong, 25, was charged with aiding and abetting.

Mr. J. Scrim of the Kowloon Traffic Office, said S/I Howarth, was walking along Nathan Road, near Five Street, at 3.55 p.m. on Wednesday when he heard the first two accused shouting "Tai Po" from the rear of a lorry.

In asking for a serious view to be taken, S/I Howarth pointed out that the vehicle was moving very slowly during the whole time and might have caused an accident.

Defendants were fined \$20.

### CARNAL KNOWLEDGE

Fung Kee, 10, of 459 Hennessy Road, 3rd floor, was charged before Mr. F. K. d'Almeida yesterday for carnal knowledge of Chan Chu Mul, a nine year old girl, on Wednesday. He was sentenced to one year with hard labour.

Charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday were Yu Po, 42, for carnal, and Pang Kau and Leung Kau, both for receiving. Sentence was deferred.

It was alleged by the prosecution, conducted by D.J. Fong Fu Cheong, that first defendant stole a number of motor car lamp shades and hub caps.

Second and third defendants were alleged to have bought them knowing some to have been unlawfully obtained.

### EXTRADITION

Extradition proceedings were concluded before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday, when Nah Shui Hong, formerly a cashier of Carr (Ramsay & Co. Ltd.), at present under detention by the Bangkok Authorities, was charged with embezzlement of \$14,000 on Aug. 14, the sum of \$16,000, the property of his employers.

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10.45 p.m.—Extracts from "Die Walkur" (Warner)

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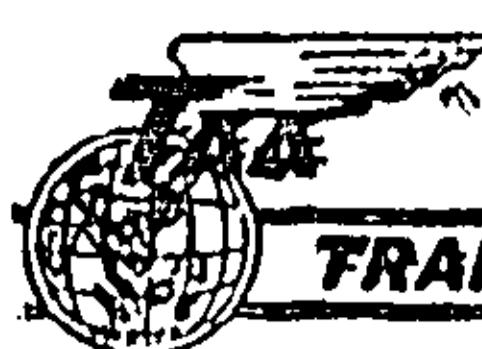
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## DEATH

**MARSHALL**—on 21st August, peacefully after lengthy illness, at St. Theresa Hospital, Hong Kong, G. V. Tarik, aged 73. Beloved husband of Ida and father of Blanche Gordon and Francis. Funeral cortège will pass the Monument today at 5.30 p.m.

The purpose of the credits was to tide us over the inevitable gap in our balance of payments during the period of transition to normal peace-time conditions and to assist us in capital re-equipment.

Last year, thanks to the unexpected favourable development of our trade position, we drew on these credits to the extent of only £280,000,000, so that we started this year with £970,000,000 still available.

## Near The End

The Government, according to the Economic Survey for 1947, expected to limit their drawings in 1947 to £350,000,000 and thus to have £620,000,000, or approximately half the credit, still in hand at the end of it. This would have been a situation which could fairly be described as comfortable.

The question naturally suggests itself why, with little more than half the year gone, we are already in dire straits. Up to the end of July, £686,000,000 has already been drawn—£36,000,000 more than was intended for the whole year.

Thus, with five months of 1947 still to come, we have exceeded—including last year's drawings—a total of £866,000,000, and have only £334,000,000 outstanding.

At the recent rate of expenditure this would only suffice till about November. Two reasons are adduced for this lamentable state of affairs—first, the curtailment of exports—including last year's drawings—a total of £866,000,000, and have only £334,000,000 outstanding. At the recent rate of expenditure this would only suffice till about November.

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These calculations are necessarily hypothetical, but if they are anywhere near correct, they would go some way towards explaining how the present position has arisen.

## What Has Happened To The Loan Dollars?

By J.C.  
Johnstone

Let us try to estimate the effects of the fuel shortage and of the rise in prices on our trade deficit.

## Export Hopes

Laying their original plans for 1947 immediately before the fuel crisis, the Government felt entitled to assume that exports would continue at the same rate of expansion as in the latter part of 1946.

In the last quarter of 1946 the monthly average of exports was £18,500,000, and this represented a volume of 111 per cent. of pre-war. The rate of expansion was such as to indicate a volume of 118 per cent. in the first quarter of 1947 and of 125 per cent. in the second quarter.

If exports had, in fact, expanded at this rate, and if the price level had remained stable where it was at the end of 1946, it may be calculated that the value of exports in the first half of this year would have been about £682,000,000, as against the actual value of £561,000,000. Similarly, if import prices had not increased, the value of what we actually imported in the same period would probably have been about £703,000,000—£83,000,000 less than they in fact cost us.

Thus the visible deficit on the first half year's trading account would have been about £120,000,000. In the second half of the year, assuming as before the same rate of expansion and the same price level as in the last quarter of 1946, exports should have reached about £650,000,000. Imports at the June volume, but at the price level of the last quarter of 1946, would be about £700,000,000, making a deficit of £120,000,000.

## The Widened Gap

Thus, the aggregate deficit on the year would have been about £240,000,000. This agrees approximately with the estimates in the Economic Survey for 1947.

The actual situation is that in the first half-year the visible deficit was £233,000,000, reflecting the effects both of the fuel crisis and of the rise in prices.

In June exports showed a marked recovery to 106 per cent. of their pre-war figure, as compared with 97 per cent. in April. If they were to resume expansion at the rate of the last quarter of 1946 and the price level were to remain where it is, they should average in the remaining months of the year about £102,000,000, as against £93,000,000 in June. This would give a total of about £615,000,000 for the half year.

Imports at the June volume and values would total £900,000,000 in the second half-year, leaving a deficit of £286,000,000.

The total gap on visible trading account would thus be about £520,000,000, or about £280,000,000 more than it seems was reasonably to be expected at the outset of the year. These calculations are necessarily hypothetical, but if they are anywhere near correct, they would go some way towards explaining how the present position has arisen.

## Convertibility

They would mean that drawings on the dollar credits during the year would be roughly £280,000,000, as against the £360,000,000 on which the Government had reckoned. At the end of the year £900,000,000 (including the £280,000,000 drawn in 1946) would have been used, and only £60,000,000 would remain available for the future, as compared with the £120,000,000 originally anticipated.

This, however, though bad enough, cannot be the whole story. It does not explain why, if drawings of £280,000,000 are the estimated requirement for the whole year, £688,000,000 have already been expended during the first seven months. This is about £230,000,000 more than would be expected on the basis of the actual trade deficit to date.

Where has all this money gone? An important source of the drain is almost certainly the obligation of convertibility assumed on July 15 in accordance with the Washington Agreement. This no doubt partly explains the exceptionally heavy drawing of £176,000,000 on the dollar credits in July, and it may prove only temporary.

Under the convertibility arrangement countries acquiring sterling on current trading account become entitled to convert it into dollars. Many countries have entered into agreements with us not to do so beyond stipulated limits, but it seems to more than.

Nevertheless, Mr. Lee said the government could not afford to ignore the threat to the Straits currency wheresoever it might be. He sincerely believed and urgently hoped something would be done in order to remedy the unacceptable situation.

that some others are exercising this right to be embarrassing extent.

There may also be other causes. For example, Government expenditure abroad (for example, on Germany) may have been higher than was anticipated.

Such appears to be a broad picture of the causes of our present plight, but it is a picture painted largely in the dark owing to the Government's persistent abstention from disclosing the relevant information. The question now arises how far those causes were within the control of the Government, and how far outside it.

The above estimate of £280,000,000 as the additional deficit on the year due to the combined effects of the fuel crisis and the rise in prices comprises £170,000,000 in respect of the crisis and £110,000,000 in respect of the rise in prices. The £170,000,000 does not differ significantly from Sir Stafford Cripps's round figure of £200,000,000 as the loss in exports due to the fuel crisis.

It will be seen that by far the more important of the two factors is the fuel crisis. Indeed, without it, the loss due to the rise in prices alone would hardly have given serious cause for alarm.

## Double Crisis

Responsibility for the fuel crisis is shared between the miners and the Government. It was the miners who, by their scandalous rate of over 10 per cent. of voluntary abstention, caused the shortage of coal, and the Government who neglected to adjust the consumption of coal to the supply, and assure adequate winter stocks.

This time last year, as the Government themselves acknowledged, it was almost a mathematical certainty that, at the current rate of consumption and production, there must be insufficient stocks for even a mild winter unless action were taken.

No action was taken until the economic machine was on the point of breakdown, and it was no excuse to plead the winter was hard.

The moment, however, the fuel crisis was upon us the dollar crisis became as predictable as the fuel crisis itself had been.

A last-minute insertion in the Economic Survey for 1947, published early in the fuel crisis, expressly stated that previously conceived port targets for this year could no longer be attained.

It needed no unusual clairvoyance to foresee that the balance of payments would be bound to deteriorate in the way it in fact has, except perhaps in so far as the position has been aggravated by the effects of convertibility.

## Obscurantism

Yet, six months after the event, though talk is plentiful, action has been tardy. Apart from the budgetary onslaught on tobacco import and the saving of one or two million pounds by the slashing of newsprint imports—a gesture worthy of Mrs. Partington herself—nothing has been done. Now the Government are to produce some fresh proposals.

A policy of import cuts, especially dollar imports, is rational and necessary, but it should have been drastic and early. The longer the delay the more severe must be the ultimate cuts. Judgment on the adequacy of the new programme must await its disclosure.

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C A 7 S A K Q 2  
H K Q J 5 3  
D A 5 C Q 9  
(Dealer: East, East-West vulnerable.)

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D Q 6  
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H Q 6 5 3 2  
D 10 7 S C K 7 5 2  
C A 6 S A K J 9 5  
H A J 9 D A 8 5  
C 9 4  
(Dealer: North, Neither side vulnerable.)

If West leads the heart 3 against a No Trump game and South lays down the spade A, and J to the Q, what should East discard? YANKS IN ITALY WILL DIG IN FOR WINTER

Leghorn, Aug. 20. American troops in Italy will dig in for the winter. Army officials disclosed today in the wake of unofficial reports that their stay has been shifted from a temporary to an indefinite status because of the Soviet delay in ratifying the Italian peace treaty.

The Army was caught off balance by the change in prospects for a stay in the Mediterranean theatre and is now short of winter clothing and equipment.

The Army originally planned its withdrawal by April 1, 1947, as the earliest likely date, which later was reset to June 30. Now it is forced to order a complete halt in troop evacuation from the Morgan Line and base installations in Leghorn, Rome and elsewhere in Italy.

Under the new programme the 88th Infantry Division will continue policing the Allied zone of Venezia Giulia fronting the Yugoslav zone. Leghorn and surrounding units will continue as supply commands. The

United Press.

APPEAL  
Nuremberg, Aug. 20. Dr. Friedrich Borchardt, counsel for the former Field Marshal Milch, said today that he had been officially informed that the United States Supreme Court will hear his appeal for a review of the life imprisonment sentence.

Milch was found guilty two months ago of war crimes and crimes against humanity, involving medical experimentation and slave labour.

The appeal will come before the Supreme Court in October.

United Press.

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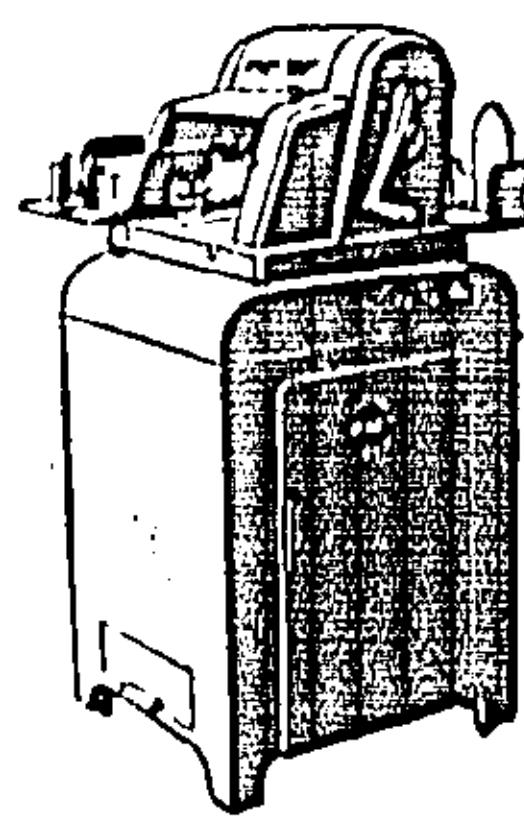
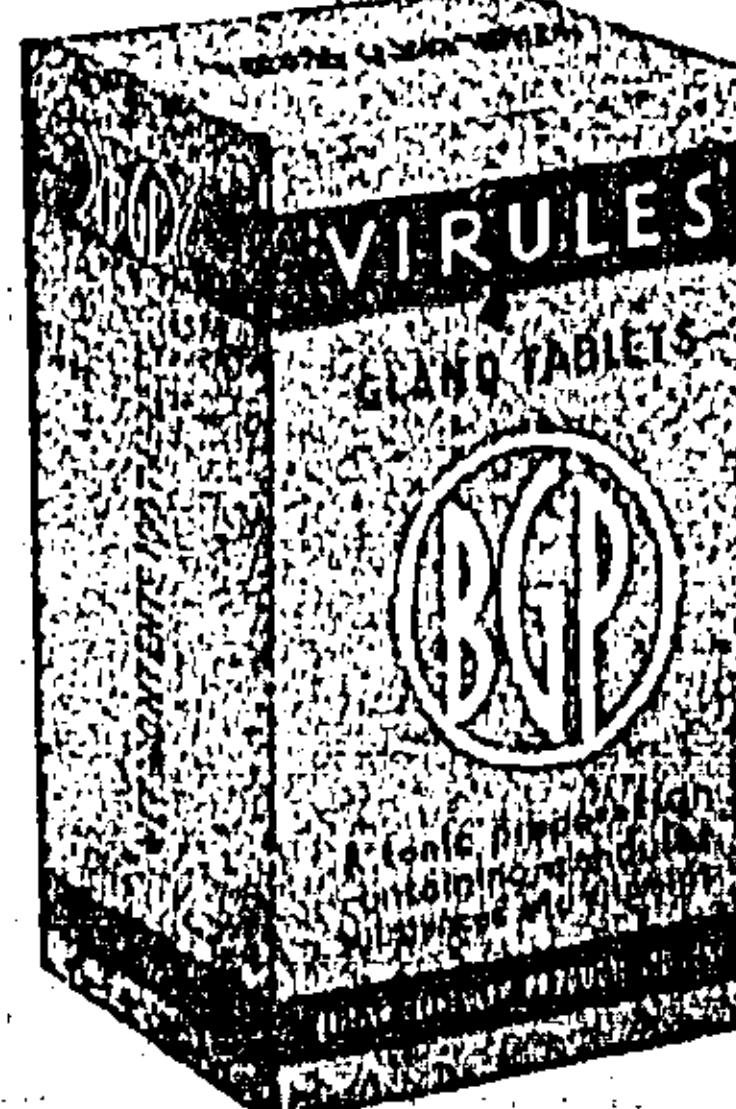
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Sterling Convertibility  
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ANNOUNCEMENT

London, Aug. 20. The Treasury has announced the temporary suspension of many of the present arrangements for the convertibility of sterling to dollars. Sterling on Canada account may only be used in Canada or the sterling area.

The Treasury order has been issued, with effect from Aug. 21, 1947. The order repeats the substance of the existing payments orders with the following amendments:

"Sterling can no longer be freely transferred from transferable accounts (of non-residents of sterling area) to American accounts or Canadian accounts; but remains otherwise transferable as hitherto.

"Sterling on Canadian account may only be used in Canada or the sterling area. Canadian transferable accounts disappear.

Announcing the decisions in a broadcast tonight, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, said: "We have decided, with deep regret, that it is no longer possible to continue the arrangements under which the heavy burden of the desperate dollar shortage of so many other countries is simply shifted on to our shoulders.

"Sterling will still be able to be exchanged freely into any other currencies, and, indeed, our new arrangements will provide for a much wider use of sterling in international exchange than was the case a few months ago.

**American Agreement**  
"This decision has been taken following talks in Washington with the American Government, an exchange of letters between ourselves and our American friends will be published tomorrow, and I should like to say at once how much we all appreciate their cooperation and understanding in this matter.

"In the same spirit, and with a consciousness of that sense of comradeship which has never failed us, we are also in close consultation with the Canadian Government."

Disclosing that Britain was losing dollars at the rate of over \$30,000,000 daily, Mr. Dalton recalled his Commons statement of the heavy drawings on the American loan in July.

"I had hoped that the drawing in August would be a good deal less than this," he said.

**Heavy Drain**  
"But since in the both Houses of Parliament, on August 6 and August 7, and the press comments which followed these debates, there has been a further sharp increase in the drain on our dollars.

In the five working days ending August 16, we had to pay out no less than £44,000,000. On Monday and Tuesday of this week, we had to pay out a further £16,500,000. Clearly this cannot go on.

"It is a grievous disappointment to us as it must be to our friends in the United States and Canada, that great effort at postwar financial reconstruction, which we have made together, has resulted in this setback.

"But we must keep sterling a strong currency; not a currency that every holder hurries to turn into dollars overnight. The strength of sterling is an asset not only to us and to our friends in the sterling area, but to all the world.

"We have done everything in our power to develop multilateral trade, but, if the present strain on sterling continued unchecked, it would be goodbye to all hopes of fully multilateral trade for many years to come.

**Unavoidable**  
"Our decision will inevitably cause disturbance of trade over a wide area, and may lead to some interruption of supplies. We regret this, but it is unavoidable. If we had waited instead of acting now, this disturbance and interruption would only have been worse. We hope that it will be understood everywhere. In Britain, this decision is only the taking of wise precautions to maintain a firm foundation for sterling as an international currency.

"We shall now have to make new arrangements with other countries to help us all to deal with this new situation."

Telling the British public that they must face some further shortages of overseas supplies, Mr. Dalton said: "As you have already been warned, there will probably have to be

No Further  
Withdrawal

London, Aug. 21. The United States has agreed to emergency action to halt the drain on Britain's fast diminishing dollar supply.

Simultaneously, Britain agreed to make no further withdrawal from her \$3,750,000,000 loan, which now has declined to \$870,000,000, pending consultations on the emergency steps.

The Anglo-American decision was announced simultaneously here and in London.—Associated Press.

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selves in the days of peace?"—

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More Austerity

Simultaneously, Sir Wilfred Eady, chief of the British Financial Mission here, disclosed that Britain:

May have to cut imports even beyond the drastic restrictions already announced.

Will have to rewrite 23 to 30 trade agreements with other countries containing clauses for the exchange of pounds into dollars.

London dispatches quoted Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Dalton as figuring the loan balance at \$750,000,000.

A Treasury official said America's account countries exempted from the effects of the action include the Philippines. But the Chinese status, along with that of 12 other so-called American account countries, was considered doubtful.

Among the countries which probably will be effected is the Netherlands, and the Dutch monetary area.—Associated Press.

"In this emergency," the Chancellor said, "idleness is a crime. There is no substitute for hard work if we are to restore our national economy."

Mr. Dalton called for renewed efforts at private savings and added: "We, the men and women of Britain, are still the same people who showed the world what we could do, standing alone, in the days of war."

"Shall we do less to save our

No New Loan Sought  
By Britain

Washington, Aug. 20. Mr. John W. Snyder, United States Secretary of the Treasury, said here tonight that the British had not requested any additional loan.

"We are viewing the British problem with a great deal of sympathy," he declared. He reported

Mr. Snyder declined to commit himself at a press conference on questions of whether he intended to interfere directly with the problems of Britain's internal economy, such as nationalisation and coal production.

Asked how Britain was going to carry on when the loan expired, Mr. Snyder suggested that Britain might be able to get the money from "private banks, the United States Export-Import Bank, the World-Bank or the International Monetary Fund".

Observers took this as an indication that the chances of Britain obtaining positive assistance as a result of the present talks were small.

**Two Groups**

The delegates will continue to work on a technical level in two separate groups. Mr. Snyder disclosed that these groups were:

1. Trade: these discussions are concerned mostly with the non-discrimination article (9) of the Anglo-American loan agreement, which limits Britain's ability to buy goods in soft currency areas.

2. Finance: This group is concentrating on financial problems generally but on the convertibility clause of the financial agreement in particular.

The first group is under the State Department chairmanship, while Treasury officials are dealing with the more important financial part of the problem.

Mr. Snyder refused to be drawn into comment on Britain's plight, saying: "I am relying on Mr. Attlee to voice what he thinks but I have not had an opportunity myself to go fully into facts and to reach a personal conclusion."

"That's what we are trying to do now."

Mr. Snyder is having daily meetings with Sir Wilfred Eady, head of the British delegation.

**Clayton Comment**

In London, the Anglo-American dollar talks were stepped up to greater speed today when Mr. William Clayton, United States Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, flew to London from Paris for discussions about Britain's economic plight with ministers at the Board of Trade.

Dollar Change  
Results

New York, Aug. 21.

Observers in crude drug oil industries believe the revaluation of the Chinese dollar exchange rate foretells greater supplies of tung oil, camphor, menthol, cassia, rhubarb, the "Journal of Commerce" said.

The opening of Shanghai should result in greater supplies particularly of tung oil.

Under normal circumstances, a sharp price break might be expected, but both importers and consumers are looking for the stabilisation of the price structure at or near the present levels.

The first offerings of menthol in six weeks were made here on Tuesday at a similar level as earlier quotations, \$640 to \$740 and Rhubarb, camphor, cassia and tung oil remained firm.—Associated Press.



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JAP SHIP  
BOMBING  
"ACCIDENT"

Tokyo, Aug. 21. A Far Eastern Air Forces spokesman today described as "purely accidental" the dropping of a practice bomb by a P-51 aircraft near an 870-ton Japanese ship off Hakata, Kyushu, on August 12.

Japanese reports yesterday said the ship was bombed by a squadron of three unidentified planes, which dropped 10 to 15 bombs on the No. 3 Kamogawa Maru, belonging to the Kiyosaki Steamship Company. The reports added that one bomb fell about 100 metres from the stern but no damage was caused.

The planes were a group of P-51s on a routine practice run on a target, but because of overcast weather the planes could not locate the target. Before returning, the planes, following usual procedure, jettisoned bombs, but one stuck in the bomb rack. The bomb finally loosened and must have dropped near the Japanese vessel.

The pilots reported the incident to Headquarters, but the matter had not been considered important enough to deserve a special announcement.—United Press.

## STOCK MARKET

London, Aug. 20. Once again little transpired in the stock markets today outside that of the Kafir section where the best prices were not fully maintained, owing to considerable price-taking, but a harder tendency was noticeable at the close.

Domestic issues spent a quiet day with fresh uncertainty being caused by reports of likely changes in the British Cabinet.

Industries showed small losses but the gilt-edged section was without alteration. In the oil market, movements were narrow and with slight bias towards the lower levels. Foreign bonds developed little movement but foreign rails, particularly Argentine, turned easier in the later stages.—Reuters.

ST. STEPHEN  
LANE TRANSFER  
SET ASIDE

An appeal, arising out of a judgment delivered by the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Blackall, on May 8, whereby a document purporting to be an instrument of transfer in respect of St. Stephen Lane was set aside and declared null and void, was heard before the Full Court, comprising Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Puisne Judge) and Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Additional Judge), at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The appeal was against the judgment of the trial court, which held that the plaintiff failed to notify the defendant of a forgery of his signature on an assignment dated Feb. 19, 1945, until Apr. 26, 1946, although with knowledge of the said forgery since, approximately, December 1945, did not estop him from denying the said assignment.

Appellant, Tang Chi-kin, was represented by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. D. L. Strellett of Messrs. Geo. K. Hall Bruton &amp; Company. Mr. Edmon Potter, K.C., and the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Amato, Mr. Castro, instructed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan of Messrs. C. Y. Kwan &amp; Co. appeared for the respondent, Tang Fong-chuen, a general in the Chinese Army.

## JUDGMENT

The judgment of Sir Henry Blackall read in part:

"This case has been confined to a narrow compass in the end. The only point for decision is whether the plaintiff stood by that is to say, had knowledge that the defendant was spending money on his property and took no steps to explain the position to him and end to stop the defendant from wasting his money.

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The Mercantile Bank of India has been advised telegraphically by the London Office, that an interim dividend of 5% less tax has been declared for the year 1947.

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Charge

Canton, Aug. 20. The trial of three Lingnan students for having allegedly kicked to death their teacher, Mr. Tsai Hui-pu, took place at the Canton High Court this morning.

The three students were charged by the Public Prosecutor's Office with kicking to death Mr. Tsai, of the Lingnan Middle School, whom he refused to accede to their demand to be examined. The trial was adjourned to the following day, when the students were supposed to sit for their graduation examinations.

Mrs. Tsai, wife of the deceased, was present at the trial, demanding compensation of CN\$78,000.

Reversal  
One of the accused students today reversed a statement he made at a previous questioning, by denying he kicked Tsai on the night of the incident. His lawyer explained his denial by saying that the student was not by a sense of gallantry and was trying to shoulder the blame himself at that time. He was not in a normal state of mind when he made the statement.

The other two testified that they switched off the lights to frighten Mr. Tsai with ghost stories. Their action was not premeditated, they asserted.

The Court's verdict will be announced on August 20. —Canton News.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

Airmail for Amoy, Foochow and Tainan (Formosa), (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Canton (By Train), 7 a.m.

Swatow and Hankok, 10 a.m.

Macau, Tashan and Shekki, 11 a.m.

Canton (By Train), 2 p.m.

Shanghai, 3 p.m.

Swatow, 3 p.m.

Airmail for Amoy, Foochow and Tainan (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 p.m.

Macau, Tashan and Shekki, 4 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Iaen, Cairo, Nairobi, Johannesburg, August, Marseilles and London.

Kowloon C.P.O., 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.

Hongkong, 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.

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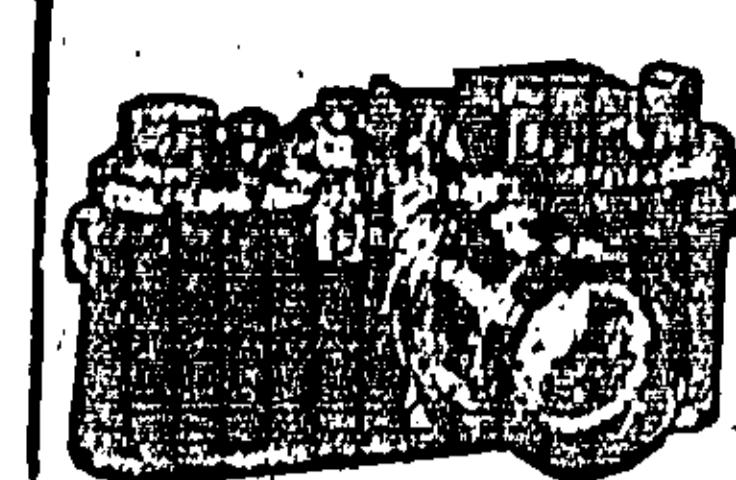
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HONG KONG, FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 1947.

## SOUTH AFRICA FAILS BY 28 RUNS IN DRAMATIC TEST

London, Aug. 20. South Africa failed by 28 runs, with three wickets intact, to force a dramatic victory over England in the fifth and final Test match, which ended today in a draw.

Facing what appeared to be a hopeless task of getting 451 to win on a wicket showing signs of wear, South Africa scored 423 for seven.

Brice Mitchell, who carried his score to 189 not out, his highest score in Test cricket, was helped in another big partnership by Tuckett and 109 were added in 90 minutes for the eighth wicket.

Mitchell, who batted admirably for seven hours, collected another record which he had scored 130, his aggregate then beating F. Taylor's record of 2,936 for South Africa in Tests. Mitchell's previous highest individual Test score was 164 not out against England at Lord's in 1935.

South Africa lost two quick wickets when Alan Melville was caught at the wicket at 217 and two runs later Dawson fell to a brilliant catch by Howorth in the gully.

A brilliant innings of 97 by Dudley Nourse first gave South Africa the chance of turning the tables on England. At one period, South Africa, after appearing to be in a hopeless position, needed only 202 in three hours, with seven wickets standing, but the spell of two wickets in four balls for one run by Cranston caused another fluctuation of fortunes.

At the tea interval, South Africa were 291 for six when 157 runs were needed in 105 minutes.

### Mitchell Lashes Out

Nourse, bating with vigour and skill, scored 97, including 12 fours in two hours 25 minutes. Mitchell, as if suddenly realising a chance of victory, released a series of superlative cover drives, which left the fieldsmen standing and runs came quickly. He reached his century in four hours 50 minutes and became the second South African to score a hundred in each innings of a Test, Alan Melville having done so in the first Test at Not-

BOWLING			
O. M. R. W.			
100	11	66	0
16	5	33	0
20	8	103	2
37	8	85	3
21	3	61	2
4	0	39	0
2	0	14	0
1	0	1	0
<b>Total for seven</b>			423

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At Manchester: Lancashire 329 (Ikin 82, G. A. Edrich 93).

Hampshire 48 for three.

At Leicester: Leicestershire 454 (Tomkin 122, Lester 106 not out, Pinkerton 57). Somerset 11 for one.

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## Gaoled For Deserting Their Ship

Bernard Harris (19) and Frank Phillips (33), both seamen of the s.s. "Treworl's," began a month's hard labour at Stanley yesterday after conviction at the Marine Court of deliberately missing their ship.

They were each sentenced to \$100 dollar fine or one month's gaol.

Mr. W. R. Hillyer, Deputy Shipping Master, who prosecuted, said that on the morning of August 10 the master of the "Treworl's" reported to him that six or seven of his crew were absent from his ship which was due to sail at four o'clock that afternoon.

Harris and Phillips, who could not be found, gave themselves up at the office of the ship's agents on the afternoon of August 20.

Mr. Hillyer produced a letter from the master of the "Treworl's" stating that notice of time of sailing of the ship was duly put up.

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## All Cadiz Mourns CITY'S TOLL OF DEAD MAY RISE UP ABOVE THE THOUSAND MARK

London, Aug. 20. The entire population of this shattered city was in mourning today as the toll of known dead in Monday night's devastating explosion reportedly reached 400.

The national news agency, Cifra, quoting authoritative sources, reported that over 400 bodies had already been recovered and estimated that the final toll might be over 1,000.

The news agency, Menche, quoting the same source, reported that 6,000 to 8,000 were injured.

News agency figures distributed to the Spanish press could not be immediately verified.

A requiem mass for 113 dead was celebrated in the cemetery chapel yesterday.—United Press.

(For Eyewitness Account—See Mr. Pearson Please. Page 4.)

## NEW BRITISH SCHEME TO INCREASE FOOD STOCKS

London, Aug. 21.

The Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Tom Williams) today announced plans for a £100,000,000 increase in agricultural produce output during the next five years.

This will be the farmers' part in the one-way street of greater production for Britain's economic recovery.

"Farmers now have the greatest opportunities of their lives to do what they can without co-operation for a country in deep financial straits," he told a press conference.

Mr. Williams also announced new acreage payments for wheat and potatoes.

He said: "I hope the announced in-convertibility of sterling will have no adverse effects on the import of feeding stuffs."

Otherwise he did not comment on Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Dalton's statement of last night.

He said the plan depended on increased labour, the need for which is "self-evident."

The Minister evaded questions on the effect of the programme to imports.—United Press.

## British Golf

Brighton, Aug. 21.

Dai Rees, Britain's outstanding professional of 1947, is headed for another tournament win by adding a 67 to his first round 60 in the London "News Chronicals" 72 hole golf tournament.

With many cards still to come in, the steady Rees, a sure thing for the British Ryder Cup team, is going to America in October, holding a seven stroke advantage over his nearest rival, Frank Jowle, who tallied 69 in the second round.

Australian Norman Van Nida, seeking to push his British record winnings, trailed by eight, stroked with 70.

The final two rounds of the £1,500 event will be played on Thursday over the 6,616 yard Hollingbury Park links.—Associated Press.

## ST. STEPHEN LANE TRANSFER SET ASIDE BY COURT

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The Pier Ordinance, 1899, will be repealed in toto subject to the preservation until 31st December, 1949, of the rights, privileges, obligations or liabilities required, accrued or incurred under the Ordinance under or by virtue of licences or leases granted before 31st December, 1946.

This will remove the exemption from rating granted by section 17 of the Pier Ordinance, and an amendment will be made to the Rating Ordinance, 1901, so as to provide for the rating of piers.

All applications for the grant of new pier leases should be made to the Director of Public Works.

(viii) To ensure the preservation of due order in the whole area included in the pier lease.

(ix) Not to exhibit or permit to be exhibited any advertisement on or above the pier without the written consent of the Governor.

(x) If the pier is at any time used for the embarkation of passengers, the lessee, if called upon to do so by the Governor, shall erect and maintain such shelters or other structures as the Governor may require for the use of police and preventive officers for the inspection of passengers and their baggage.

Approval was given by Council.

The Hon. Mr. B.C.K. Hawkins, Acting Secretary for Chinese Affairs, was sworn in yesterday as a member of the Legislative Council.

Council was adjourned for a fortnight.

Playing their first game in Bangkok on Tuesday, South China football team beat the Combined Universities by six goals to two.

Goalscorers were Tao Kam-bo (2), Leo Wal-tong, Chau Tak-fai, Leo Shek-yau and Leo Tia-keo.

London, Aug. 20.

In the first round of the Glasgow Football Cup, Rangers defeated Partick Thistle by the only goal scored in the match.

(b) The rentals throughout the harbour frontage of the City of Victoria are on the same scale irrespective of the

position of the pier or the use to which it is put.

(c) The rentals for piers in places other than Victoria are one-half of the scale for the piers in Victoria irrespective of position of the pier or any part of it.

(d) Renewal Terms

Lenses will be granted in the first instance for 15 years from 1st January 1950, with an option for renewal for a further term of 15 years which shall subsequently be extended for yet another term of 15 years subject to mutual agreement between Government and the lessee. Rentals will be reassessed at the end of each fifteen year period. No lease will continue beyond 31st December.

(e) Disparities

The scale is not related to any basic rental per square foot, but is a fixed rental graded according to specified areas and after an area of 10,000 feet has been reached no additional rental is chargeable.

(f) This scale does not take into consideration advantages derived from locality, shelter or depth of water or the suitability of any of these factors to the use for which the pier is intended.

The scale at present applicable to Victoria for the smallest piers (500 ft. and under) works out at 2d. per square foot against 12 cent per square foot for a pier of 10,000 square feet or 6 cent per square foot for a pier of 20,000 square feet. For a pier in the choicer position on the Kowloon promontory the rent would be the same as for a pier of equal size at Taipo. For a pier at Kennedy Town the rental would be double that for a pier of equal size in the choicer position at Kowloon.

(g) Every lease will contain the following covenants:

(i) For due repair and maintenance including maintenance in cleanly condition, and for handing over in a serviceable condition on the expiration of the term.

(ii) Not to assign, sub-let or otherwise dispose of or part with possession of the pier without the written consent of the Governor.

(iii) At all times to permit inspection by authorised officers of the Government.

(iv) Not to use or permit the pier to be used for any purpose other than the lessee's business without the written consent of the Governor.

(v) Not to make any alteration or extension of the pier or to erect any structure thereon without the written consent of the Director of Public Works.

(vi) Not to use or permit the pier to be used for the storage of materials or goods of any description, other than gear required for working the pier, or to permit such materials or goods to remain on the pier beyond the time actually required for transit purposes.

(vii) To comply with the provisions of all enactments now or hereafter in force regarding the construction, maintenance, lighting or use of piers.

(viii) To ensure the preservation of due order in the whole area included in the pier lease.

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